

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*
State Engineer**

Plaintiff,

v.

RAMON ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941 JEC-ACE

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM

**NEW MEXICO'S SEMIANNUAL
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW Plaintiff State of New Mexico on the relation of the State Engineer and files this semiannual status report for the hydrographic surveys of the Rio Chama Stream System.

Section 7 – Rio Chama Stream System above El Vado Dam:

The hydrographic survey for the final subsection of Section 7, Cañones Creek, was completed on December 26, 2002 and filed with the Court on that same date. The total surveyed acreage of the Cañones Creek subsection amounts to 1,706.2 acres.

Field work on the final subsection of the Rio Chama Stream System – the Village of Chama – is complete. The survey report, however, will not be released until historical work in about one dozen subfiles is completed by the state's historian, Dr. John O. Baxter. The historical work is required in order to verify whether or not the existing surface water use in these subfiles is based upon pre-1907 water use. While the needed historical use is expected to take 2 to 3 weeks to complete, this work cannot be undertaken until the state's contract for professional services with Dr Baxter has been renewed, and the approval of this contract has been delayed. At this time, the state

does not have estimate of when this historical work will be able to be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of New Mexico's Semiannual Hydrographic Survey Report were mailed to the following persons on April 28, 2003.

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